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SHADOW WAR BREAKS OUT!

War breaks out in the Dakota Universe as Milestone Media and DC Comics present the second wave in the MILESTONE line with an explosive crossover event... SHADOW WAR!

A schism has occurred within the Shadow Cabinet, a secret organization of superpowered heroes pledged to uphold the best in humanity. When a rogue faction of the Shadow Cabinet calling itself the Star Chamber learns of a shocking biochemical weapon, the race is on to seize control of this nightmare creation. The battle lines are thus drawn, and the SHADOW WAR begins.

The Shadow Cabinet, desperate to stop the Star Chamber, systematically recruits the established heroes of Dakota to aid it in its struggle. HARDWARE, ICON, STATIC, and the BLOOD SYNDICATE each play a major role as the story unfolds. Before it ends, the incredible truth behind the Big Bang will be revealed... new stars will have emerged... and the world will be irrevocably changed.

Two new titles make their debut in SHADOW WAR with special #0 issues. The first is XOMBI. Xombi is a biochemist-turned-hapless-hero who becomes immortal when, at the brink of a violent death, he injects himself with an experimental drug containing millions of nanomachines — microscopic robots that repair any and every injury to his body. Unable to die, David Hyunsuk Kim comes back from one violent encounter after another as Xombi, possibly Dakota's strangest hero yet.

The second new title is SHADOW CABINET, which zeroes in on the heroes who indirectly initiated the SHADOW WAR. Led by the disturbingly enigmatic Dharma, the Shadow Cabinet is committed to opposing injustice and corruption, and nurturing humanity's highest ideals. The team is composed of some of the most diverse and original superhumans in comics, and, by the conclusion of SHADOW WAR, Hardware, Icon, and Static will number among its ranks.

SHADOW WAR is fought in HARDWARE #11, ICON #9, XOMBI #0, BLOOD SYNDICATE #10, STATIC #8, and SHADOW CABINET #0, all featuring spot-vanished covers by Walter Simonson with a metallic fifth color ink. XOMBI #0 and SHADOW CABINET #0 both feature a new format, printed on a lightweight glossy paper.

SHADOW WAR... it's about to break out of the shadows and envelop all of the Dakota Universe!

BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: VENDETTA IN GOTHAM

The Dark Knight of Gotham City and the top lawman of Mega-City One meet again in the second DC Comics/Fleetway Editions intercompany crossover, BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: VENDETTA IN GOTHAM!

This time Judge Dredd comes to Gotham City, determined to settle the score with Batman as only two of the most hard-nosed characters in comics can—in one knock-down drag-out battle. While Batman and Dredd fight it out, Scarface and the Ventriloquist are on a murder spree—and Dredd seems determined to keep Batman from stopping it. For Judge Dredd has a secret agenda, one that goes far beyond his rigid dislike of costumed vigilantes... an agenda that may involve literally changing history.

BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: VENDETTA IN GOTHAM is a gritty tale that successfully captures the raw, pulse-pounding action of this second historic encounter between Batman and Judge Dredd.

BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: VENDETTA IN GOTHAM is a 48-page Prestige Format one-shot written by John Wagner and Alan Grant, with interior art by Cam Kennedy (Dark Horse's *Star Wars*), and cover by Mike Mignola.

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GOTHAM CITY, NEW BLOOD AND MORE IN *SHOWCASE '94*

It's a new year... and time for SHOWCASE '94! Each issue of SHOWCASE '94, like its popular predecessor SHOWCASE '93, features a full-length feature story followed by two shorter stories. And, like last year's miniseries, each feature spotlights a Batman character—with some stories drawing directly from the events of "Knightfall" and the ongoing "Knightquest" storyline. Issue #1 opens with the first chapter of a 2-part Joker story by writer James Robinson (THE GOLDEN AGE), with art by Christian Alamy (LOBO ANNUAL), picking up after "Knightfall"'s Arkham breakout. Subsequent feature stories will spotlight the Penguin, Scarface, Robin, the Huntress, and others, with guest appearances by the Dark Knight himself.

Backup stories star other members of the DC Universe, with special emphasis during the first part of the year on the New Blood characters from 1993's Annuals crossover event, Bloodlines. The first is a Gunfire 2-parter, showcasing the character from this year's DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL, written by Len Wein and drawn by Thomas Tenney and Mike Christian. This story sets the stage for an upcoming GUNFIRE ongoing series. Stories featuring other New Blood characters will lead into prominent appearances across the DC Universe. Other showcased characters include the New Gods, Blue Beetle, and Bloodwynd.

Writers for SHOWCASE '94 include Dennis O'Neil, Peter David, Doug Moench, Chuck Dixon, Alan Grant, John Wagner, and Walter Simonson. Among the artists lined up are Tim Sale, Phil Jimenez, Bo Hampton, George Freeman, José Luis García-López, and Teddy H. Kristiansen.

SHOWCASE '94... another year, another 12 months of some of the best that comics has to offer!

THE BATMAN ADVENTURES... COLLECTED!

It's the first six issues of the popular series THE BATMAN ADVENTURES, based on *Batman: The Animated Series*, collected in one low-priced Standard Format trade paperback edition... BATMAN: THE COLLECTED ADVENTURES.

BATMAN: THE COLLECTED ADVENTURES features the adventures of Batman in the style of the animated series, as he and Robin take on the evil machinations of the Joker, Catwoman, the Penguin, and the Scarecrow.

BATMAN: THE COLLECTED ADVENTURES is a 144-page trade paperback featuring the inventive work of writers Kelley Puckett and Martin Pasko, and artists Ty Templeton, Brad Rader, and Rick Burchett, as well as a new painted wraparound cover by Templeton and an introduction by Paul Dini, Emmy award-winning writer on *Batman: The Animated Series*.

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☐ **BATMAN: THE COLLECTED ADVENTURES TRADE PAPERBACK**
DC presents BATMAN: THE COLLECTED ADVENTURES trade paperback. Featuring Batman, Robin, the Joker, Catwoman, the Penguin, and the Scarecrow, this Standard Format trade paperback reprints the first six issues of THE BATMAN ADVENTURES, the comic book based on the immensely popular Also included is an introduction by Paul Dini, award-winning writer on Batman: The Animated Series. Written by Kelley Puckett and Martin Pasko, with art by Ty Templeton, Brad Rader, and Rick Burchett. Painted wraparound cover by Templeton. $5.95.

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☐ **BATMAN #503**
Continuing "Knightquest: The Crusade," following the adventures of Batman: the Dark Knight tracks a terrorist with an insidious scheme to blanket Gotham City with poison. All evidence points to Catwoman as the culprit! Written by Doug Moench, with art by Mike Manley and Josef Rubinstein. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.50

☐ **BATMAN/JUDGE DREDD: VENDETTA IN GOTHAM**
DC Comics' Dark Knight and Fleetway Editions' Judge Dredd meet again as Mega-City One's top lawman crosses dimensions to Gotham City, determined to settle his vendetta with Batman. Dredd seems out for revenge... or is there something more to this epic one-on-one confrontation with Batman? Written by Alan Grant and John Wagner, with art and cover by Cam Kennedy. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

☐ **CHAIN GANG WAR #7**
The Chain Gang pays an explosive visit to a private prison owned by "The Crooked Man," an underworld kingpin whose mind is as twisted as his body. Written by John Wagner, with art by Gary Erskine. Cover by Dave Johnson. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR #32**
Part 6 of the 8-part "Deathstroke's World Tour": Deathstroke finds himself back in France and toe to toe with a female assassin named Fleur de Lis as he continues the search for his ex-wife Addie and the next piece of the mysterious armor. But even as Deathstroke scours the continent for her, Addie enters into an unholy alliance with her kidnapper. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Steve Erwin and Will Blyberg. *(New Format)* $1.75

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FLASH #86
In the wake of the recently ended mob wars, a parting gift from the Combine is discovered — a robot "sleeper" weapon. Argus, the New Blood from this year's FLASH ANNUAL, guest-stars. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Mike Wieringo, Rob Haines and José Marzan Jr. Cover by Alan Davis and Mark Farmer. $1.50

HARDWARE #11
SHADOW WAR, Milestone's first crossover event, begins here. The cover features spot-varnished art by Walter Simonson, with a metallic fifth color ink. War breaks out in the Dakota Universe as Iron Butterfly, the ferrokinetic field commander of the Shadow Cabinet, enlists Hardware into her service. Continued in ICON #9. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and pencilled by Denys Cowan. Cover by Walter Simonson. $1.50

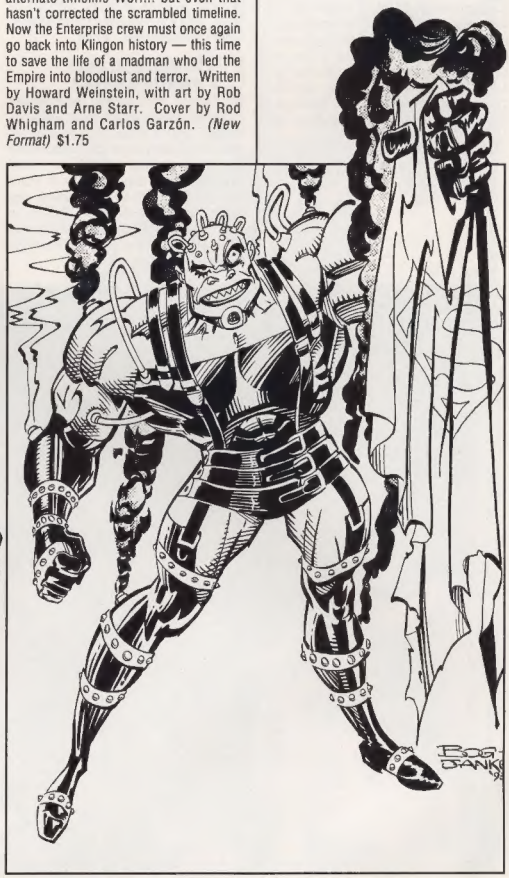
HARDWARE #11

LEGIONNAIRES #10
The stranded Legionnaires encounter more surprises from their past. Plus, the new Kid Psycho makes his debut; Kono drops in; and the Legionnaires get a new leader as the fate of Cosmic Boy is revealed. Written by Tom and Mary Bierbaum, with art by Chris Sprouse, Adam Hughes, and Karl Story. Cover by Sprouse and Story. $1.50

THE SPECTRE #14
With The Spectre sitting in judgment of humanity, even the Phantom Stranger finds he may not be able to stay his hand as forces begin to gather against The Spectre... and the secret to what drives him may be found in the distant past. Written by John Ostrander, with art and cover by Joe Phillips. (New Format) $1.75

STAR TREK® #56
The great and good Klingon Khartan has been assassinated by the alternate-timeline Worf... but even that hasn't corrected the scrambled timeline. Now the Enterprise crew must once again go back into Klingon history — this time to save the life of a madman who led the Empire into bloodlust and terror. Written by Howard Weinstein, with art by Rob Davis and Arne Starr. Cover by Rod Whigham and Carlos Garzón. *(New Format)* $1.75

SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #29
Part 3 of the 3-part "Spilled Blood." Continued from ACTION COMICS #694: The mastermind behind Bloodsport and Hi-Tech's recent Metropolis massacres takes center stage as the man called Bloodthirst declares war on Superman. Written by Louise Simonson, with art and cover by Jon Bogdanove and Dennis Janke. $1.50



SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #29

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VALOR #15
Part 4 of the 6-part "D.O.A.": Valor decides that if he's going to die, his death should have meaning, and he sets out to stop a planetwide civil war single-handedly. Plus, the Legionnaires embark upon an ill-fated mission to the past. Written by Mark Waid, with art by Colleen Doran and Stuart Immonen. $1.50

WONDER WOMAN #82
Wonder Woman must save Boston when an arms dealer specializing in cosmic weapons goes on a rampage. Plus, the origin of Ares Buchanan, Wonder Woman's mysterious nemesis, is revealed at last! Written by William Messner-Loebs, with art by Lee Moder and Ande Parks. Cover by Brian Bolland. $1.50

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BATMAN ARCHIVES VOLUME 3
The third volume in this popular Archives series includes more Golden Age adventures of the Dark Knight, reprinted from DETECTIVE COMICS #71-86, and featuring Robin, the Joker, Two-Face, the Scarecrow, Tweedledee & Tweedledum, the Robber Baron, and the Cavalier of Crime. Featuring stories written by Bob Kane and Bill Finger, and art by Kane and others. 224 pages. *(Hardcover book)* $39.95

BATMAN: SHADOW OF THE BAT #23
Continuing "Knightquest: The Search," following the adventures of Bruce Wayne: Bruce Wayne finds evidence that Shondra Kinsolving is in league with Asp and may have been his accomplice in dozens of murders. Written by Alan Grant, with art by Bret Blevins. Cover by Brian Stelfreeze. *(New Format)* $1.75

BLACKMASK #3
(of a 3-issue miniseries)
Blackmask confronts his deadly enemy, Valentine, in an abandoned amusement park... an encounter that forces Blackmask to face whether he can free himself of the bloody compulsion to wear his hood. Written by Brian Augustyn, with art and painted cover by Jim Baikie. *(New Format)* $4.95

THE DEMON #43
In his newly-appointed position of Hell's enforcer, Etrigan enlists the aid of Hitman, the New Blood created in this year's DEMON ANNUAL... but the Demon isn't quite prepared to deal with the infernal mob lord Asteroth, who enlists his own help in the form of the Choirboy Commandos. Written by Garth Ennis, with art and cover by John McCrea. *(New Format)* $1.75

GREEN LANTERN #48
Beginning the special 3-part story "Emerald Twilight" that culminates in GREEN LANTERN #50: In the aftermath of "Reign of the Supermen," Green Lantern confronts the horror of the destroyed Coast City—the place where he lived, worked, even buried his parents. Now Hal Jordan must come to terms with the death of his father—an event that led to his choosing the life of a Green Lantern. But his way of coping may cost him his ring, and the consequences of his actions will change his life forever. Written by Ron Marz, with art by Bill Willingham and Romeo Tanghal. Cover by Darryl Banks and Romeo Tanghal. $1.50

GREEN LANTERN #48

HAWKMAN #5
While Hawkman is trapped in the body of Hawkwoman, Hawkwoman is imprisoned in the body of an aging asylum inmate. And it's under those conditions that the pair must face Wonder Woman and Bloodwynd, both under the control of the man who usurped Hawkman's body — the deadly Count Viper. Written by John Ostrander, with art by Steven Lieber and Rick Magyar. *(New Format)* $1.75

ICON #9
SHADOW WAR, Milestone's first crossover event, continues from HARDWARE #11. The cover features spot-varnished art by Walter Simonson, with a metallic fifth color ink. Donner and Blitzen of the Shadow Cabinet — two women, one with superhuman strength, the other capable of superspeed — recruit Icon for their battle with the Star Chamber. But they don't recruit Rocket. Continued in XOMBI #0. Written by Dwayne McDuffie, with art by M.D. Bright and Mike Gustovich. Cover by Walter Simonson. $1.50

ICON #9

JUSTICE LEAGUE AMERICA #84
The Justice League goes to the rescue of Ice and her people to save them from the evil designs of her brother, who has tapped into the mystic secrets that gave Ice's people their powers. Written by Dan Vado, with art and cover by Kevin West and Ken Branch. $1.50

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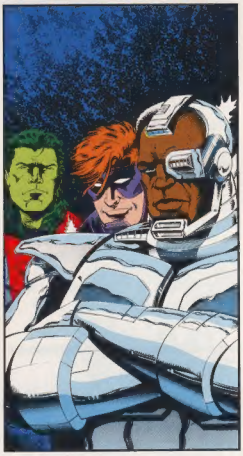
THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #53
A major showdown with Glorith leaves the Legion devastated... and Glorith isn't faring much better. Plus, big changes for the Legion begin here, in this prologue to a major storyline that will change the 30th century forever. Written by Tom McCraw, with art and cover by Stuart Immonen and Mitch Boyd. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE NEW TITANS #106
Part 3 of the 4-part biweekly "Terminus: The Fate of Cyborg": Cyborg lives! Through a mishap on the cyberworld of Technis, Victor Stone's mind has been returned... but Arsenal isn't convinced that everything is as it's presented. His suspicions lead him deep within the planet looking for answers, where he uncovers deceit... and hidden plots for an all-out invasion of Earth! Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Mark Tenney and Charles Barnett III. Cover by Nick Napolitano and Mike Sellers. *(New Format)* $1.75

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #53



THE NEW TITANS #106

S.T.A.R. CORPS #3
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
The nightmare begins for Mindgame's latest experiment in creating superpowered humans... and Brainstorm is born at the S.T.A.R. Labs Silicon Valley complex! Written by Dan Vado, with art and cover by Norm Felchle and Mike Machlan. $1.50

S.T.A.R. CORPS #3

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☐ **SUPERMAN #85**
Superman brings the Toyman to justice for the murder of young Adam, and in her rage and grief, Cat Grant confronts the killer of her only son... with a gun! Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens and inked by Josef Rubinstein. Cover by Jurgens and Rubinstein. $1.50

☐ **XOMBI #0**
SHADOW WAR, Milestone's first crossover event, continues from ICON #9 in this all-new Milestone title. XOMBI #0 features a new format with lightweight glossy paper. The cover features spot-varnished art by Walter Simonson, with a metallic fifth ink. XOMBI makes its debut with this special issue #0, leading into the forthcoming XOMBI ongoing series. When David Hyunsuk Kim injects himself with a strange fluid infested with microscopic robots called nanomachines, he becomes immortal, drawing the attention of the secret society known as the Shadow Cabinet who sends its operative Twilight to recruit Xombi to fight the Shadow War. Continued in BLOOD SYNDICATE #10. Written by John Rozum, with art by Denys Cowan and Jimmy Palmiotti. Cover by Walter Simonson. *(Glossy Format)* $1.95

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XOMBI #0

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ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #508

The Challengers of the Unknown guest-star as they embark on an adventure through time to enlist Superman's help in defeating a dangerous criminal from the past. Plus, the tragedy of Adam Grant's death sinks in at the boy's funeral. Written by Karl Kesel, with art by Barry Kitson and Ray McCarthy. Cover by Kitson and Kesel. $1.50

ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #508

BATMAN: LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT #56

Part 2 of the 3-part "Watchtower," depicting a potential future for the Dark Knight: Batman invades Tri-Corner, the area controlled by Vigil, Inc., the ruthless private security agency backed by the mayor. While searching for clues to its insidious private agenda, the Dark Knight discovers he is targeted by an army of Vigil's armored guards, who have him outgunned, outnumbered, and out on a limb! Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Mike McMahon. *(Deluxe Format)* $1.75

BLOOD SYNDICATE #10

SHADOW WAR, Milestone's first crossover event, continues from ICON #9 in this extra-sized issue. The cover features spot-varnished art by Walter Simonson, with a metallic fifth color ink. In the aftermath of their battle with the Demon Fox, a depleted Blood Syndicate finds its most personal secrets revealed as Sideshow and Iota of the Shadow Cabinet descend on them. Plus, Brickhouse and Third Rail start something big, and more is revealed about the ancient spirit Kwai. Continued in STATIC #8. Written by Ivan Velez, Jr., with art by Chriscross and Shepherd Hendrix. Cover by Walter Simonson. 48 pages. $2.50

DETECTIVE COMICS #670

Continuing "Knightquest: The Crusade," featuring the adventures of Batman: Renee Montoya is spotlighted as she finds herself on a deadly collision course with a Batman more ruthless than the one she knew before. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Barry Kitson and Scott Hanna. Cover by Kelley Jones. $1.50

BLOOD SYNDICATE #10

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DETECTIVE COMICS #670

☐ **ECLIPSO #15**
After their attempt to destroy Eclipso, Bruce Gordon, Mona Bennet, and Amanda Waller stand trial for invading Parador. Now the courts may succeed in doing to them what the god of vengeance has been unable — or unwilling — to do all along. Written by Robert Loren Fleming, with art and cover by Audwynn Jermaine Newman and Ray Kryssing. $1.50

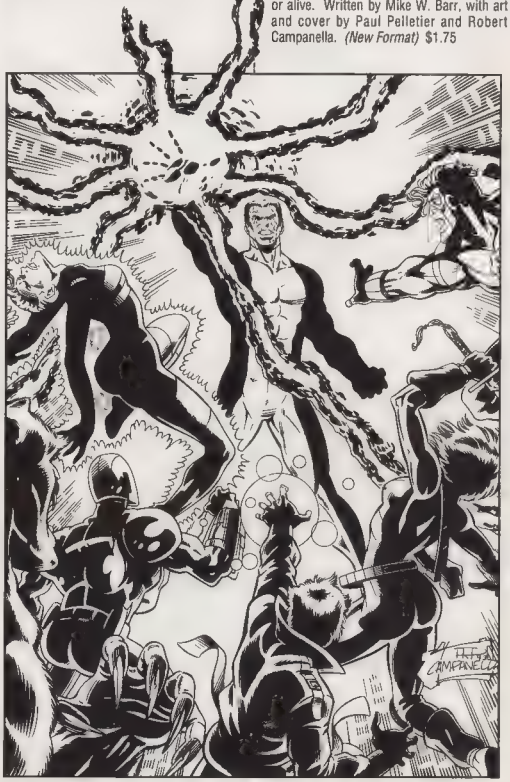
ECLIPSO #15

☐ **HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY #3**
(of a 3-issue miniseries)
On the planet Magrathea, Arthur and his companions learn the origin of the Earth... and the part played by mice in the search for the answer to life, the universe, and everything. Written by John Carnell, with art by Steve Leialoha. Cover by Leialoha and Steve Fastner. *(Prestige Format)* $4.95

☐ **JUSTICE LEAGUE TASK FORCE #8**
Having rescued the captive passengers of a crashed airplane, the Martian Manhunter and his all-female Task Force flee through the jungle while savage Amazons pursue them. Written by Peter David, with art and cover by Sal Velluto and Jeff Albrecht. $1.50

☐ **L.E.G.I.O.N. '94 #62**
Lobo finds out Superman is alive and heads for Earth, leading to a big clash in SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL #30. Meanwhile, the mystery of Dox and Stealth's child is revealed, as the super-intelligent infant tries to patch things up between his feuding parents. Plus, the R.E.C.R.U.I.T.S. are joined by a new member. Written by Tom Peyer, with art by Stephen Jones, Tom Tenney and Dennis Cramer. Cover by Barry Kitson. *(New Format)* $1.75

☐ **OUTSIDERS #3**
Desperate to clear themselves of murder, the Outsiders return to the scene of their alleged crime and encounter the Eradicator (from "Reign of the Supermen") — who has vowed to bring them in, dead or alive. Written by Mike W. Barr, with art and cover by Paul Pelletier and Robert Campanella. *(New Format)* $1.75



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SHOWCASE '94 #1

RAGMAN: CRY OF THE DEAD #6
(of a 6-issue miniseries)
Bereft of his Ragman powers, Rory Regan wages a desperate battle with the vengeful goddess Marinette to save New Orleans from her bloody wrath... but even the added might of the Golem isn't enough to keep death at bay. Written by Elaine Lee, with art by Gabriel Morrissette. Cover by Joe Kubert. *(New Format)* $1.75

SHOWCASE '94 #1
(of a 12-issue limited series)
A new year and a new series begin for SHOWCASE, with a new issue #1. The Joker takes center stage in the first chapter of a 2-part story. Following the Arkham breakout in "Knightfall," the Joker is at large in Gotham City, but an ordinary man named Joe is convinced he's really the Clown Prince of Crime in a twisted, hallucinatory Gotham, where both Batman and the Joker are demons. Written by James Robinson (THE GOLDEN AGE), with art by Christian Alamy (LOBO ANNUAL). Gunfire, the New Blood from this year's DEATHSTROKE, THE TERMINATOR ANNUAL, starts a 2-part adventure that sets the stage for an upcoming ongoing series: Dominion and the Oblivion Front are after the experimental weapons vault under Gunfire's protection. If they get in, it could mean global disaster. Written by Len Wein, with art by Thomas Tenney and Mike Christian. Orion and Metron of the New Gods star in "The Wall of Souls," by Walter Simonson and José Luis García-López, as the Great Barrier to the Source provides a seductive challenge... and a deadly trap. Cover by Kevin Nowlan. 48 pages. $1.95

STAR TREK®: THE NEXT GENERATION™ #56
There's treachery on Eregeus, as Worf, Deanna, Dr. Selar, Alexander, and Lwaxana Troi are abducted, imprisoned, and... altered. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Deryl Skelton. Cover by Jason Palmer and Jerome Moore. *(New Format)* $1.75

TEAM TITANS #16
Nightrider finds himself unwillingly cast into the dreams and nightmares of his teammates, and comes face to face with their most private hopes, desires, passions, and fears. Plus, the mysteries surrounding Mr. Bailey and the Leader deepen, as ancient cave sculptures and paintings show a disturbing link between the ancient past... and the far future! Written by Jeff Jensen and Phil Jimenez, with art by John Regis and Will Blyberg. Cover by Phil Jimenez. *(New Format)* $1.75

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☐ **ACTION COMICS #695 COLLECTOR'S EDITION**

This issue features a multilevel foil-embossed cover enhancement. The lab rats of Project Cadmus unleash on Metropolis a powerful and mysterious new force known as Cauldron. Is he friend or foe? Also, Lobo's on his way to Earth to confront the newly returned Man of Steel. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Jackson Guice and Dennis Rodier. Cover by Guice. $2.50

ACTION COMICS #695

☐ **ACTION COMICS #695 NEWSSTAND EDITION**

This edition features the same great story as the Collector's Edition but with a different cover by Jackson Guice. Written by Roger Stern, with art by Guice and Denis Rodier. $1.50

☐ **AQUAMAN: TIME & TIDE #2**
(of a 4-issue miniseries)

Left on a reef to die, the infant Aquaman uses his strange powers to survive in what proves to be his first tentative step toward becoming the true King of the Seas. This tale reveals how Aquaman was raised by dolphins and tells of the role he played in a war between them and the deadly sharks. And along the way, he sees his first surface human. Written by Peter David, with art and cover by Kirk Jarvinen and Brad Vancata. $1.50

☐ **THE BATMAN ADVENTURES #16**

The Joker's back... and on the loose in Gotham City. He's putting all his evil genius into a scheme that involves the creation of something even Batman isn't ready for... Joker: The Comic Book. Written by Kelley Puckett, with art and cover by Mike Parobeck and Rick Burchett. $1.50

AQUAMAN: TIME & TIDE #2

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CATWOMAN #6
Continuing "Knightquest: The Crusade," following the adventures of Batman. Continues from BATMAN #503: When Catwoman learns that someone is about to spread a deadly toxin around Gotham City, she feels compelled to be a hero... but all she gets for her troubles is into a major confrontation with the new Batman. Continued in BATMAN #504. Written by Jo Duffy, with art by Jim Balent and Dick Giordano. Cover by Balent. $1.50

THE DARKSTARS #16
Former Darkstar deputy John Flint—now the deadly Annihilator 171—is on a rampage, and only one thing seems capable of stopping him... and it isn't Darkstar. Written by Michael Jan Friedman, with art by Mark Campos and Ken Branch. Cover by Randy DuBurke. *(New Format)* $1.75

DEMOLITION MAN #3
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The DC Comics adaptation of the Warner Bros. feature film continues! In the year 2032, Phoenix is on a rampage with his four psychotic playmates joining in the carnage. Spartan and Huxley turn to the Wasteland, the last bastion of resistance in this lobotomized future society. Written by Gary Cohn, with art by Rod Whigham and Dick Giordano. Cover by Kevin Maguire. *(New Format)* $1.75

CATWOMAN #6

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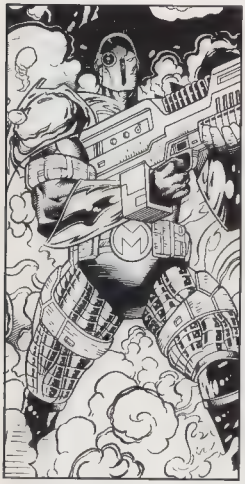
GREEN ARROW #82
Green Arrow faces an opponent who can snatch arrows out of the air — a man known as Rival, who was trained by the same bowmaster as Shado. This forces Green Arrow to take up a more powerful and more deadly bow. Written by Kevin Dooley, with art by Jim Aparo and Gerry Fernandez. Cover by Dan Norton and Fernandez. *(New Format)* $1.75

GUY GARDNER #16
Guy Gardner is propelled in a new direction when he's forced to fight a foe he can't possibly defeat — his own brother, who he's long thought dead, and who has become the ruthless assassin Militia. Plus, Guy finally decides to adopt a super-hero name, revealed next issue! Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Mark Tenney and John Stangeland. Cover by Mitch Byrd. $1.50



GUY GARDNER #16

JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL #60
To defeat an enemy in the far future, the JLI must travel into the past to the moment of Green Lantern's origin. Plus, a long-absent member makes a surprise return. Written by Gerard Jones and Will Jacobs, with art by Ron Randall and Roy Richardson. Cover by Lee Moder and José Marzan Jr. $1.50

LOBO #2
Lobo faces the ruthless Council of Dons, who don't want their accountant — the hyperintelligent Qigley — to fall into the Main Man's clutches. Meanwhile, the Deadboys are on the run... with lots of explosions, pain, and amusing death scenes to keep them company! Written by Alan Grant, with art and cover by Val Semeiks and John Dell. *(New Format)* $1.75

METAL MEN #4
(of a 4-issue miniseries)
The Leader of the Missile Men kills one of the Metal Men, and now there's no way to bring him back. It's up to Doc Magnus to save the day... but only if he's willing to make the supreme sacrifice. Written by Mike Carlin, with art by Dan Jurgens, Brett Breeding, and José Marzan Jr, and cover by Jurgens and Breeding. $1.25

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THE NEW TITANS #107
Concluding the 4-part biweekly "Terminus: The Fate of Cyborg": An all-out battle rages to save Earth from the cyberplanet Technis, as the truth behind the Cyborg's abduction is revealed. Now only the Titans can stop the inhabitants of Technis, and Cyborg is the key. The shocking conclusion of this epic storyline will leave Titans fans reeling. Written by Marv Wolfman, with art by Mark Tenney and Charles Barnett III. Cover by Nick Napolitano and Mike Sellers. *(New Format)* $1.75

ROBIN #3
The Cluemaster is back, this time with a partner... the Electrocutioner. Robin must turn detective if he is to have any hope of stopping them, but the Spoiler seems determined to get in the way. Written by Chuck Dixon, with art by Tom Grummett and Ray Kryssing. Cover by Grummett and Kryssing. $1.50

STATIC #8
SHADOW WAR, Milestone's first crossover event, continues from BLOOD SYNDICATE #10. The cover features spot-varnished art by Walter Simonson, and a metallic fifth color ink. As Static prepares to endure a house party, Plus of the Shadow Cabinet, a powerful telekinetic, teleports onto the scene to recruit Static for the Shadow War. All this month's Milestone titles have a unique SHADOW WAR cover design. Concluded in SHADOW CABINET #0. Written by Robert Washington III, with art by John Paul Leon and Steve Mitchell. Cover by Walter Simonson. $1.50

STATIC #8

SCARLETT #13
Scarlett and her allies have defeated the Sligoth, but now they must face his master, the Gearsman, and learn the startling truth of his origin. Plus, the return of the Blood Wing. Written by Tom Joyner and K.S. Wilson, with art by Jay Scott Pike and Jim Fern. Cover by Fern. *(New Format)* $1.75

SHADOW CABINET #0
SHADOW WAR, Milestone's first crossover event, concludes from STATIC #8 in this extra-sized, all-new Milestone title. SHADOW CABINET #0 features a new format with lightweight glossy paper. The cover features spot-varnished art by Walter Simonson and a metallic fifth ink. SHADOW CABINET makes its debut with this special issue #0, leading into the forthcoming SHADOW CABINET ongoing series. The Shadow Cabinet has assembled its new super-powered recruits, but the Star Chamber, a splinter group of the Shadow Cabinet's most formidable members, has been enlisting some new talent of its own. The established Dakota heroes come together for the first time in an all-out battle that reshapes the Dakota Universe... and finally reveals the true nature of the Big Bang. Written by Dwayne McDuffie and Robert Washington III, with art by John Paul Leon and Rober Quijano. Cover by Walter Simonson. 48 pages. *(Glossy Format)* $2.50

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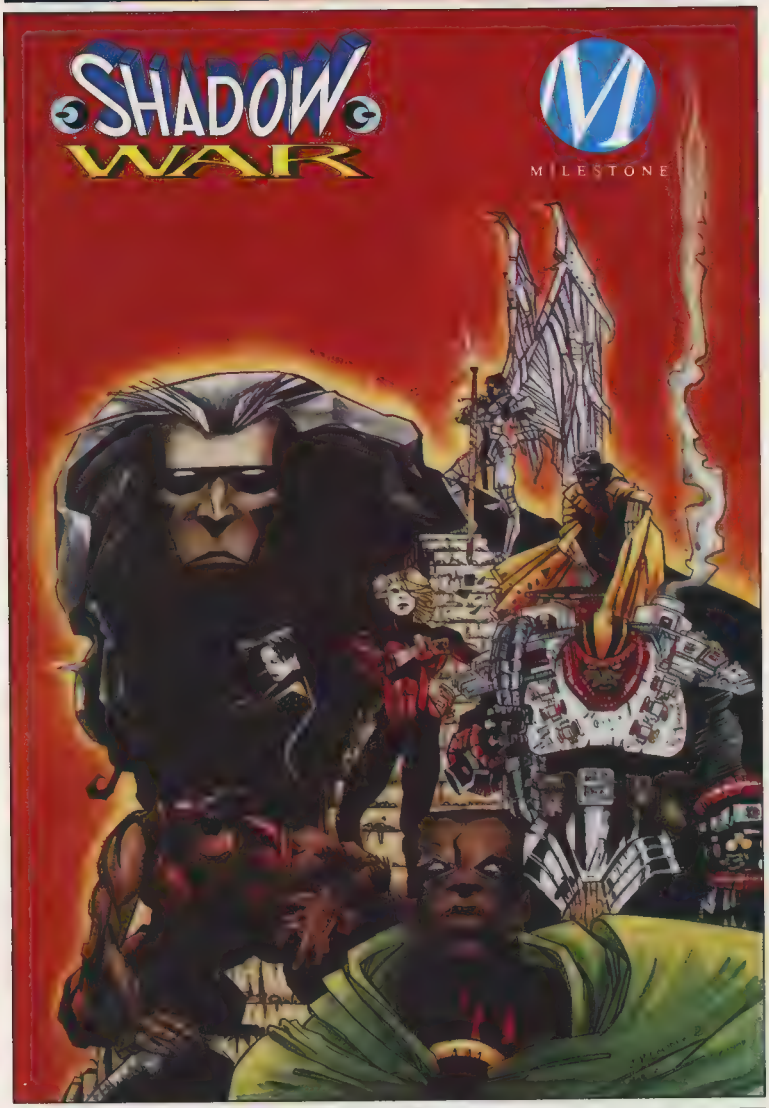

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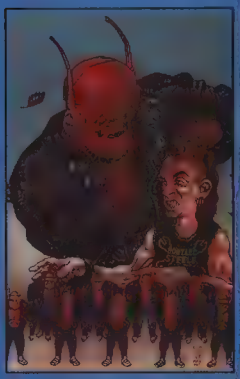


Cover of the Month

DEATH LIVES

DC presents a month-long celebration of Neil Gaiman's uniquely compelling creation, Death, with the release of four exciting new items surrounding the Sandman's alluring and enigmatic elder sister.

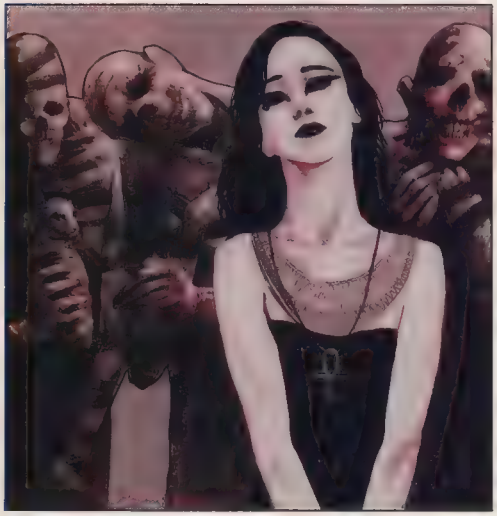
For one day in a century, Death wears mortal flesh and walks among the living so she can touch life without taking it. The hardcover edition of DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING collects the 3-issue VERTIGO miniseries by Neil Gaiman, Chris Bachalo and Mark Buckingham, a moving tale of golden hearts, silver ankhs, and the pleasure to be found in the taste of apples. The collection features an introduction by singer/songwriter Tori Amos. The dust jacket and interior design are by Dave McKean.

Also this month, DC presents the first VERTIGO gallery book, the DEATH GALLERY, a 32-page collection of all-new pieces by some of the finest artists working in the comics medium. An introduction by Gaiman and a wraparound cover by Dave McKean (regular cover artist of THE SANDMAN and DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING) set the mood for this beautiful pinup book. The DEATH GALLERY includes work by Chris Bachalo, Brian Bolland, Marc Hempel, Michael Kaluta, Dave McKean, P. Craig Russell, Jill Karla Schwartz, Jeff Smith, Gahan Wilson, Michael Zulli, and many others.

This month's celebration of Dream's elder sister also brings with it the all-new DEATH T-SHIRT with an original illustration by Chris Bachalo (DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING). This 100% cotton black T-shirt is available in Medium, Large, and Extra-large sizes.

Rounding out this month's selections is the DEATH WATCH, numbered and limited to 5000. Featuring the same Chris Bachalo art as the DEATH T-SHIRT, this elegant black metal timepiece has a black leather wristband and a second hand in the shape of Death's ankh.

This month, Death lives.



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☐ **BLACK ORCHID #5:** Black Orchid and Sherilyn, still on the run from the Logos Corporation, journey into the heart of the Louisiana Bayou in search of the Swamp Thing. There they find a weird, twisted landscape warped by the Earth Elemental's subconscious mind. Continued in SWAMP THING #139. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by Jill Thompson and Stan Woch. Painted cover by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

DEATH T-SHIRT

☐ **DEATH T-SHIRT** A captivating portrait of Dream's sister by DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING artist Chris Bachalo is featured on this 100% cotton, black T-shirt. Available in Medium, Large, and Extra-large. $14.95

☐ **DOOM PATROL ANNUAL #2** THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE continues from SWAMP THING ANNUAL #7 as a troubled Dorothy Spinner finds her spirits lifting when she's lured from the bosom of the Doom Patrol into the otherworldly Free Country. It could be the start of a new life — one even worse than the one she left behind. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Mark Wheatley. Computer-manipulated photo cover by Michael Uman. *(Suggested for mature readers. 64 pages. New Format.)* $3.95

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SANDMAN MYSTERY THEATRE #10
In Part 2 of the 4-part "The Brute," Wesley Dodds delves deeper into the ugly world of illegal boxing, while Dian finds an unwanted child. Written by Matt Wagner, with art by R.G. Taylor. Painted photo cover by Gavin Wilson. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHADE, THE CHANGING MAN #43
In Part 2 of the 3-part "History Lesson," the temporal regression grinds to a violent halt for Shade, Kathy, Lenny and guest star John Constantine as they face a New England witch trial. Plus, the History Man's secret is revealed. Written by Peter Milligan, with art by Chris Bachalo and Rick Bryant. Painted cover by Duncan Fegredo. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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ARCANA ANNUAL #1
THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE continues from DOOM PATROL ANNUAL #2 as Tim Hunter, the teenager introduced in THE BOOKS OF MAGIC who has the potential to become the world's greatest mage, becomes enmeshed in Free Country's plot to recruit children of power. This Annual sets the stage for an upcoming ongoing series. Written by John Ney Rieber, with art by Peter Gross. Painted cover by John Bolton. *(Suggested for mature readers. 64 pages. New Format.)* $3.95

JANUARY COVER DATE

DEATH GALLERY
Neil Gaiman provides the introduction to this collection of all-new interpretations of one of the most compelling characters in comics. THE DEATH GALLERY features work by Brian Bolland, Mark Buckingham, Marc Hempel, Michael Kaluta, Dave McKean, P. Craig Russell, Jill Karla Schwartz, Jeff Smith, Jill Thompson, Charles Vess, Gahan Wilson, Michael Zulli, and a 2-page piece by DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING artist Chris Bachalo. Painted wraparound cover by McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. Unique Format.)* $2.95

HELLBLAZER #73
In Part 2 of the 4-part "Damnation's Flame," Constantine is dropped into a New York City homeless shelter, which turns out to be a magical trap set by Papa Midnite. Drugged and disoriented, Constantine falls deeper and deeper into his own mind... and into a nightmarish alternative America he never knew existed. Written by Garth Ennis, with art by Steve Dillon. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

KID ETERNITY #9
The Kid and Cristabel are committed to an asylum with only Blind Willie Dodge and Hemlock available for rescue duty, but the escape requires climbing the walls of both the mind and the womb. Written by Ann Nocenti, with art by Sean Phillips. Painted cover by Phillips. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

DEATH GALLERY

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☐ **ANIMAL MAN #67**
Part 1 of the 2-part "Mysterious Ways" showcases another typical day in the Baker household as Maxine begins to exhibit disturbing behavior and Cliff meets the psychic "Saint" Evelyn. Written by Jamie Delano, with art by Steve Pugh. Photo cover by Tom Taggart. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE #2**
(of a 2-issue miniseries)
In the conclusion of the monumental VERTIGO Annuals event, the plans of the strange children of Free Country come to fruition and the fate of that mystical land is decided. The children of the Vertigo titles will all be changed by their experiences... and one will not return. Co-written by Neil Gaiman, Alisa Kwitney and Jamie Delano, with art by Peter Snejbjerg. Painted cover by John Totleben. *(Suggested for mature readers. 64 pages. New Format.)* $3.95

☐ **DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING HARDCOVER BOOK**
Once every hundred years, Death walks among mortals as one of them. This hardcover edition collects the 3-issue miniseries, a poignant tale of Death's foray among the living, with an introduction by singer/songwriter Tori Amos. Written by Neil Gaiman, with art by Chris Bachalo and Mark Buckingham. Interior and 4-color dust jacket designed by Dave McKean. *(Suggested for mature readers. 104 pages. Hardcover book.)* $19.95

DEATH: THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE #2

☐ **SWAMP THING #139**
Continued from BLACK ORCHID #5: Black Orchid struggles to reach the Swamp Thing's conscious mind, while contending with the strange, altered landscape of the swamp. Written by Dick Foreman, with art by Rebecca Guay and Kim DeMulder. Painted cover by Charles Vess. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

SHIPPING DECEMBER 7

☐ **DEATH WATCH**
The same striking artwork by Chris Bachalo that appears on the DEATH T-SHIRT graces this elegant, black metal watch which features a black leather wristband and a second hand in the shape of Death's ankh. The production of the DEATH WATCH will be limited to 5000 and each will have its number etched on the back so you'll know when your number is up. $49.95

☐ **DOOM PATROL #74**
When Cliff Steele learns that there are scads of cheap, pirated versions of his downloaded-to-disk consciousness floating around, he must travel the world to confront and try to purge his duplicated consciousness from video games, domestic robots, and garage-door openers. Written by Rachel Pollack, with art by Linda Medley and Tom Sutton. Painted cover by Bob Fingerman. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

☐ **SCARAB #3**
(of an 8-issue miniseries)
The newly revitalized Scarab is drawn by a disturbance on the astral plane to a small town in North Carolina where all the men have killed themselves and the women share a dark and horrific secret. Written by John Smith, with art by Scot Eaton and Michael Barreiro. Painted cover by Glenn Fabry. *(Suggested for mature readers. New Format.)* $1.95

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